



Ashburton College

Individual Excellence in a Supportive Learning Environment

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News

Message From The Principal

Derived Grade Exams

This is a busy time for our senior students, who are currently in the middle of their Derived Grade exams.

These have a two-fold purpose. They provide the staff and students with an accurate indication of just how ready the student is for the NCEA exams in two months' time. This assessment is valuable information to both staff and students.

The second reason for these is that they are a form of insurance for the student, should they be unable to sit the external NCEA exams at the end of the year, due to an unexpected reason. In this instance, a student has to apply for an 'unexpected event grade' with NZQA assigning the grades they earned during their school exams.

The goal for staff is to mark these papers as quickly as possible and to get them back to the students before the next school break, which will give students adequate time to rectify any shortcomings in knowledge or technique.

In 2021 and 2022, NCEA candidates received bonus credits because of time missed at school due to Covid. These credits, plus internal assessment, meant that many students could achieve NCEA without 'needing' to sit external exams. They don't have this on offer this year, so it places an extra importance on external exams.

Thai Principals and International Agents' Visit

Last week we hosted a group of Principals and International Agents from Thailand. They were familiarising themselves with our school and the attractions of our region, with a view to placing Thai students with us some time in the future.

This is followed by our students who are studying Japanese, travelling to Japan during the holidays. The resumption of international travel and the multiple benefits this brings is certainly welcome.

Congratulations

Finally, can I offer special congratulations to our College Girls' 1st XI Hockey team who won the Audrey Timlin Tournament, in Nelson. I was in a meeting at school, but we were given regular updates from the office next door, and had to call a pause for the penalty shootout!

Congratulations to the players, coaches, manager, and supporters on your achievements. The memory of this tournament will remain with all for a lifetime.

Have a great week.

Ross Preece
Principal - Tumuaki



Information

Ministry of Education Partnerships Team – Webinar Invitation

This Webinar kōrero is available to school families and community groups who want to learn more about this aspect of the curriculum.

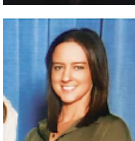
To Register: use the link or QR code below.

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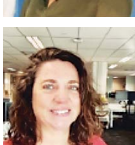


Panelists

Shawn Cooper
Senior Curriculum Lead at Ministry of Education with a focus on equity, agency and enriching teaching.



Liese Van Dam
Experienced primary school teacher specialising in Years 3-6, currently lead teacher for inclusion & diversity unit.



Kat Wells
NCEA Implementation Facilitator at Ministry of Education (Health and Physical Education) with fifteen years' experience as a secondary school teacher.



Raesha Ismail
Educator, counsellor, and trainer with expertise in teacher training, primary school teaching and culturally response relationships and sexuality education.

MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER
6:30PM – 8:30PM
ONLINE/Microsoft Teams

Register now using this link or the QR code:

<https://tinyurl.com/59uywvdp>



Get on Board! Nominations Now Being Called For:

ASHBURTON COLLEGE SCHOOL BOARD MID-TERM PARENT ELECTION – 2023

The option of parent elections every eighteen months has been taken by this Board to allow for continuity of membership.

NOMINATIONS ARE THEREFORE INVITED FOR THE ELECTION OF THREE PARENT REPRESENTATIVES FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM

The College Board's total parent composition is six elected parent representatives.

NOMINATION FORMS WILL BE ISSUED BY FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

If you are on the College Electoral Roll a Nomination Form, Eligibility Criteria, Candidates' Guide and a copy of this information will be emailed to you, and posted to those without email.

Otherwise, forms may be obtained from the Ashburton College Office or from the Returning Officer at the College (details below).

NOMINATIONS CLOSE AT NOON ON WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2023.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Candidates may provide a brief statement (up to 400 words) supporting their nomination.

This can include a photograph.

This must be enclosed with the nomination form, when it is returned.

ELECTORAL ROLL

The voting roll will be open for inspection at the Ashburton College Office, from Thursday 21 September, and can be viewed or enquired about during normal College hours.

CANDIDATES' NAMES

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, available for inspection at the College.

VOTING PAPERS, WITH CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS

Will be posted to eligible voters by Wednesday 18 October 2023.

ELECTION DAY: VOTING CLOSING AT 4:00PM, WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2023.

VOTES COUNTED/RESULTS DECLARED: TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2023.

TRUSTEES TAKE OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2023.

Note: Anyone can stand for election as a parent representative.

A candidate does NOT need to be a parent of a student enrolled at school.

A person on the electoral roll may nominate themselves.

A community member not on this roll must be nominated by a person who is on the roll.

Both parts of the form must be signed.

(Ineligibility clauses are listed on the reverse of the nomination form).

Sheena Tyrrell, Returning Officer
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Events

Marc Duffy Speaks to Year 12 and 13 Students

Ashburton College was fortunate in being given the opportunity (on behalf of the Ashburton District Council) to have Marc Duffy speak to our senior students, on Thursday 31 August, alongside senior students from Ashburton Christian School.

Marcus (Marc) Duffy was recognised as one of New Zealand's leading authorities on auto theft, document forgery, and vehicle conversion, due to his past as the head of a large scale car stealing, conversion and trading operation. In 1992 the New Zealand AA in their magazine 'Directions' described him as a 'genius'.

Since 1992, Marc has turned his own life around and is now a noted public speaker committed to providing a new direction and way out of petty crime for troubled youth of New Zealand. He also emphasised how convictions can live with you and impact on future opportunities. His commitment is to encourage and work with youth to avoid getting into that situation in the first place.

Marc now works on behalf of 'Duffy Books in Homes', and other social networks, to talk with schools and service organisations to make a difference.

He is a regular presenter at Rotary leadership events and a regular guest presenter at RYPEN ('Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment'). He was also invited to speak at the District 9920 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. District 9920 is a geographic area covering half of Auckland and the seven Pacific nations of American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Samoa and Tonga.

Marc is totally committed to sharing with troubled and under-privileged youth, explaining how he turned his life around and how, irrespective of upbringing, young people can be whatever they choose to be.

He encourages that Success comes in 'Cans' not in 'Cannots'.
www.successcomesincans.co.nz

He believes that New Zealand's high youth suicide rate can be attributed to low self-esteem and poor self-image. And he should know!



Congratulations

Students of the Week Award, Week 7

From the Student AshColl Way Committee this week we have the five Student of the Week Awardees, who have exhibited the AshColl Way theme of 'Working towards goals and producing high-quality work'.

The recipients this week are:



Laura Stanley
Year 9



Elton Eclipse
Year 10



Shawn Tayaban
Year 11



Emma Moodie
Year 12



Alexia Wilson
Year 13



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Filipino Language Week - Buwan ng Wika



Filipino Language Week was celebrated at College during the three days of 21-23 August, due to Ako interviews on the Thursday and mid-term break on the Friday.

Once again the College's Cultural Committee was very busy organising and promoting another of the Language Weeks at College. Committee Leader Edma Kelsall outlines, below, the week's activities.

Monday: Filipino quiz in the library and a Filipino display about the culture, language and similar.

Tuesday: Filipino frame that students could take pictures through, around school. The frame was coloured with blue, red, white and a yellow sun to represent the flag of the Philippines. It quoted 'I love Filos', being short for Filipinos.

Edma said that, through the photo frame, students were able to acknowledge and show how much we appreciate Filos and their culture at AshColl.

A food sale was also held, on the netball courts, selling Filipino snacks including kutsinta, pastilla and spaghetti; while Filipino games were played on the field.



(Pictured above, left and right): Vince Cabading and John R Montojo.



(Pictured left, left to right): Framed at the netball courts are Uma Zaria, Nevaeh Taraunu, Mereka Hawe, Sophia Corpuz.

Wednesday: Filipino performances in the Auditorium at lunchtime, showcasing traditional dance and singing. Performances ranged across Folk dance, Filipino Fan dance, Filipino song, Cariño (partner dance) and Filipino song.

These were the most amazing sets of quality performances.

The Auditorium was filled, the venue supported, the noise levels were ear-shattering, and the audience was so supportive. We have paid for concerts of lesser standards. The students were outstanding.



(Pictured left, front left to right): Lady Agreda, Joselene Mallari, Princess Reyes, Reggie Jacot.



(Pictured right, clockwise from front left): Princess Pureza, Hazel Bernarte, Rhianna Ancheta, Reina Bernarte, Iela Mangubat, Brigitte Elefano.

Throughout the three days of celebration, phrases were also posted

- These were posted on the Student Executive Instagram page.
- Monday:** Magandang umaga - good morning; Magandang hapon - good afternoon.
 - Tuesday:** Gamusta ka - how are you? Ok lang - I'm ok.
 - Wednesday:** Oo - yes; Hinde - no.
 - Thursday:** Kuya - brother; Ate - sister.
 - Friday:** A video summarising the week was posted.

Appreciation to the people behind the scenes

As with activities, a significant number of people gave time for the success of the event. We thank, most sincerely -

- Organiser
 - Year 13 student and Cultural Committee member Orpah Sildo
- Cultural Committee adviser
 - Liz Carrick
- Filipino display
 - Laura Bogdan and Jordis Double
- Auditorium Technician
 - Jared Munn
- Gazebo
 - Caretaker Richard Horrell
- Etpos management
 - Kay Rotch



(Pictured right and below): Amelia Harris and Kate Rickard working with students.



The hope of Ambassador Committee members is that these students will be just as enthusiastic when it is time for them to attend AshColl in the future.



(Pictured above, left to right): Members of the Committee, outside Netherby School, are Mia Braidwood, Jessica Hayman, Cassie Chamberlain, Amelia Harris (Head of Ambassador Committee), Joelle Watson and Ella Rickard.

Congratulations

Y-Drive Driving School –

Investing in the Next Generation

Below we highlight two students who have gained their Learners' Licence through the YMCA driving tutors working with and teaching students' driver skills, each Friday.

This opportunity is made available to schools via Ministry of Education funding.

The Y-Drive Driving School provides driver education and licence support for people seeking to attain their Learner, Restricted or Full New Zealand driver licence, with the scheme operating throughout Mid and South Canterbury and North Otago.

(Pictured right and below): Two of the students, Max Cutler (right) and Ashton Brook (below) successful in gaining their Learners' Licence via the 2614364YMCA Driver scheme.



Appreciation

Head of Senior School Abbey Bruce said that College expresses sincere thanks to the Volunteer Mentors, Anne Sheehan in the Student Office and Heather Daly from the Salvation Army.

Without the co-operation and input from everyone, this very worthwhile programme would not be possible.

Coming Events

Please note - * denotes subject to confirmation of student availability.

September	
08-18	College Derived Grades Exam Week
10	* Target Shooting New Zealand Inter-schools' Shoot, Rangiora
11-18	Te Wiki o te Reo Māori/Māori Language week
16	* Aoraki Mountain biking, Herbert Forest
17	* South Island Secondary Schools' Ski and Snowboard Championships, Queenstown
19	Year 13 Biology Zoo trip, Orana Wildlife Park
23-25	StudyLink Tertiary evening, AshColl staffroom
25-06 Oct	* Skoda National School Road Cycling Championships, Manawatu
	Student Holiday Term Break
October	
01-07	Tuvalu Language Week
03-04	South Island and National Cycling Track Championships, Invercargill
03-07	Mountain Bike National Schools Championships, Blenheim
08-14	Fijian Language Week
15-21	Niue Language Week
20	End-of-year Chess Match – Staff v Student Executive (Chessboard)
22-28	Tokelau Language Week
23	Labour Day Public Holiday
24	Blues Assembly, 12:30pm
26	German A1 exams
	Last day for Year 13 students
	Year 13 Graduation, Ashburton Event Centre, 7:30pm
	Last day for Year 11 and Year 12 students
27	* SSSS Schools' Rugby 7s, tbc
28-29	
31	Year 11 and Year 12 Prizegiving, Ashburton Event Centre, 7:00pm

Term Dates 2023 –

Term Three	Friday 22 September
Term Four	Thursday 26 October (Year 13)
	- Friday 27 October (Years 11/12)
	- Tuesday 12 December (Years 9 and 10)

Our Vision

